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COPENHAGEN FOR GOVERNOR SCRANTON

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TAGS: UN, XG, OVIP (SCRANTON, WILLIAM W)

SUBJ: GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS

1. SUMMARY: GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S VISIT TO THE HAGUE JULY 15-16 HAS BEEN MOST WARMLY WELCOMED BY DUTCH AND PROVIDED EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR DETAILED AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON WIDE RANGE OF UN-RELATED ISSUES. END SUMMARY

2. IN SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL AND DEVELOPMENT AID MINISTER PRONK, THERE WAS EMPHASIS ON THE NECESSITY FOR CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE EC-9 AND THE US AT THE 31ST UNGA, WITH GOVERNOR SCRANTON EXPRESSING COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH VAN DER STOEL'S VIEW THAT CONTINUING AND CLOSE CONTACT WAS EXTERMELY IMPORTANT. VAN DER STOEL EXPRESSED HOPE TO SEE SECRETARY KISSINGER BEFORE UNGA, AND PRONK INDICATED HE EXPECTS TO BE PRESENT DURING SECOND HALF OF UNGA TO LEAD DUTCH DELEGATION. CONVERSATIONS WITH BOTH MINISTERS UNDERLINED BASIC COMMONALITY OF APPROACH TOWARD LDC'S DESPITE OCCASIONAL DIFFERENCES OF EMPHASIS. VAN DER STOEL
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VOICED SOME CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE US WITHDRAWAL FROM

ILO, AND GOVERNOR SCRANTON TOLD VAN DER STOEL OF AFRICAN SUSPICIONS ABOUT ISRAELI-SOUTH AFRICAN RELATIONSHIP. PRONK WELCOMED GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S SUGGESTION FOR AN IN-DEPTH MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON AT NEXT AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITY.

3. BESIDES MEETINGS WITH VAN DER STOEL AND PRONK, GOVERNOR SCRANTON HAD DETAILED CONSULTATIONS WITH SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS VAN GORKOM AND RUTTEN, IN PRESENCE OF TWO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS EXPERTS, RINGNALDA AND BURGERS. BOTH SIDES UNDERSCORED DESIRABILITY AND NECESSITY OF CLOSE US-EC-9 CONSULTATIONS ON UN ISSUES IN NEW YORK AND AGREED TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF REPLACING PRESENT AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS BY MORE INSTITUTIONALIZED SYSTEMS COVERING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES SEPARATELY. DUTCH URGED NEED FOR CONSULTATIONS AT EARLY STAGE IN POLICY MAKING.

4. AFTER GENERAL SURVEY OF MAJOR PROBLEMS IN FORTHCOMING UNGA, GROUP AGREED ON NEED TO SELECT KEY ITEMS ON WHICH CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED. ITEMS WERE MIDDLE EAST, INCLUDING ZIONISM/RACISM, NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, APARTHEID, HUMAN RIGHTS AND NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES. KOREA WOULD BE LEFT TO CORE GROUP WHICH HAD PROVED ITSELF EFFECTIVE. ON SOUTH AFRICA DUTCH EXPRESSED HOPE THEY COULD BE FULLY INFORMED ON THE OUTCOME OF ASST SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE'S CURRENT VISIT AS WELL AS ON TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRIME MINISTER VORSTER. CONSULTATIONS TURNED TO PROBLEM OF TERRORISM AND DUBIOUS PROSPECT FOR JUSTANNOUNCED GERMAN INITIATIVE.

5. ON ECONOMIC SIDE, MAIN PROBLEMS DISCUSSED WERE NEED TO CONSULT ON RESTRUCTURING OF UN MACHINERY (THE HAGUE 3875) AND TO REVIEW GA PROSPECTS IN LIGHT OF UNCTAD IV, ECOSOC AND CIEC. ON HUMAN RIGHTS DUTCH DESCRIBED STATUS OF EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ENTRY TO CHILE FOR SUBCOMMITTEE OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. GOVERNOR SCRANTON INDICATED US FULLY SUPPORTED HRC VISIT TO CHILE AND SAID SECSTATE AT SANTIAGO HAD URGED CHILEANS TO ACCEPT SUBCOMMITTEE. DUTCH MENTIONED THEIR INTENTION TO JOIN WITH SWEDEN IN CO-SPONSORING ITEM ON POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND INITIATIVE WHICH SCRANTON SAID US SUPPORTED. GOVERNOR DESCRIBED LATEST US PLANS TO PRESENT KOREAN INITIATIVE AND FOLLOW UP WITH LETTERS TO NON-ALIGNED PRIOR TO

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COLOMBO CONFERENCE.

6. GOVERNOR SCRANTON ALSO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF OCCASION TO REVIEW PUERTO RICAN QUESTION IN DETAIL, AS WELL AS TO BRING DUTCH UP TO DATE ON PROBLEM OF PANAMA CANAL. ALSO DISCUSSED WERE POLITICIZATION OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, PROBLEM OF KEEPING UN BUDGETS WITHIN REASONABLE BOUNDS AND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DUTCH AND US APPROACHES TO PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES.

7. COMMENT: AS WE POINTED OUT IN OUR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT (THE HAGUE 1161) , DUTCH, DESPITE VALUE THEY ATTACH MULTI-LATERAL APPROACH THROUGH THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS UN AND NATO, CONTINUE TO SET GREAT SCORE BY BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH US. GOVERNOR SCRANTON'S VISIT, COMING WELL AHEAD OF THE OPENING OF THE 31ST UNGA AND PRIOR TO GOVERNOR'S VISIT WITH NATO ALLIES IN BRUSSELS, GREATLY PLEASED DUTCH OFFICIALS WHO, SPEAKING FOR EC-9 AS WELL AS THEMSELVES, TOOK EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE THEIR SATISFACTION AND PLEASURE AT GOVERNOR'S VISIT. VISIT ALSO ATTRACTED FAVORABLE PRESS ATTENTION.

8. DETAILS OF PROGRAM AND MEMCONS BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT AND USUN.
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